



# Communications & Measurement

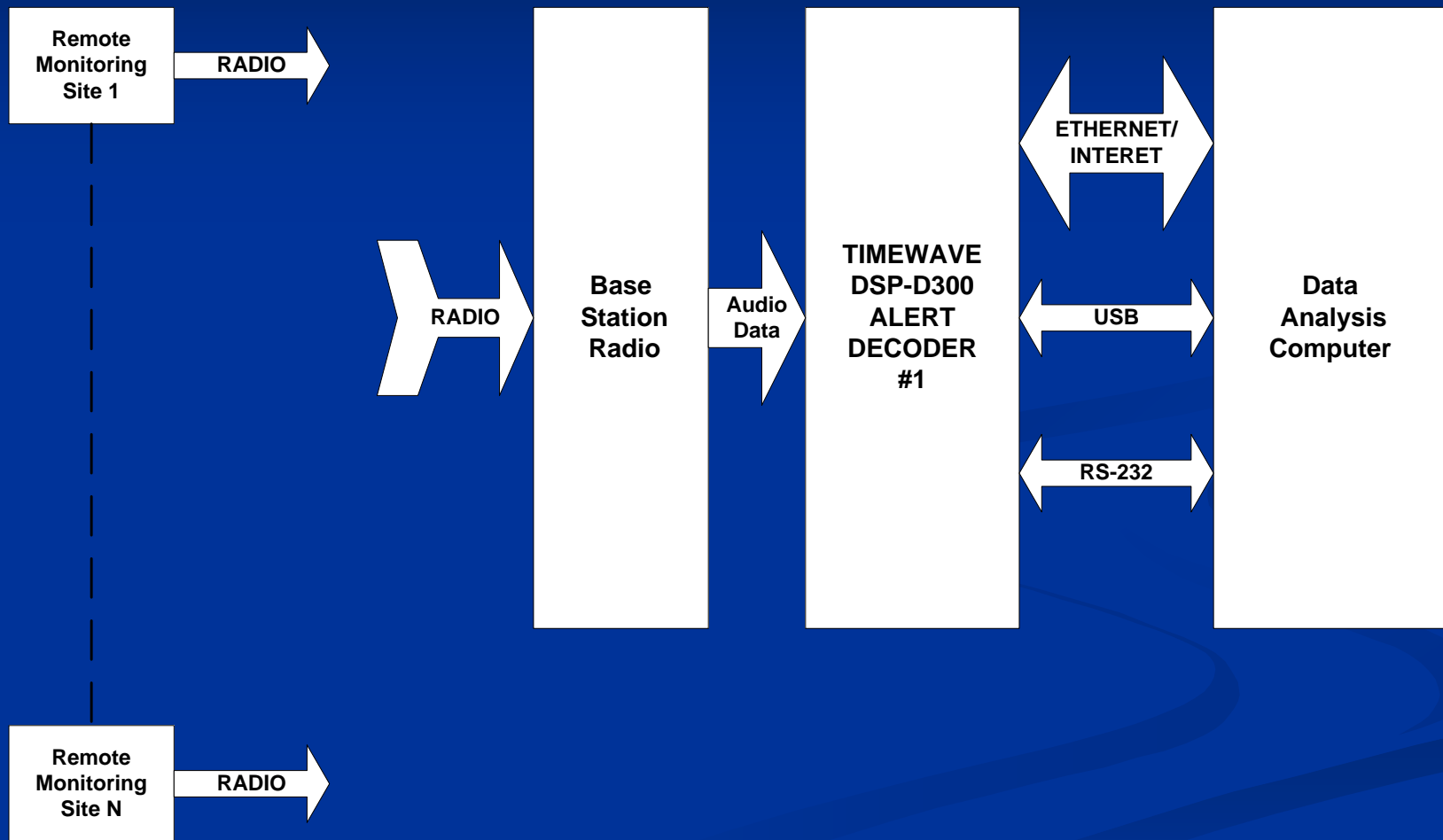
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# DSP-D300

**ALERT/IFLOWS Decoder**



# Typical IFLOWS System



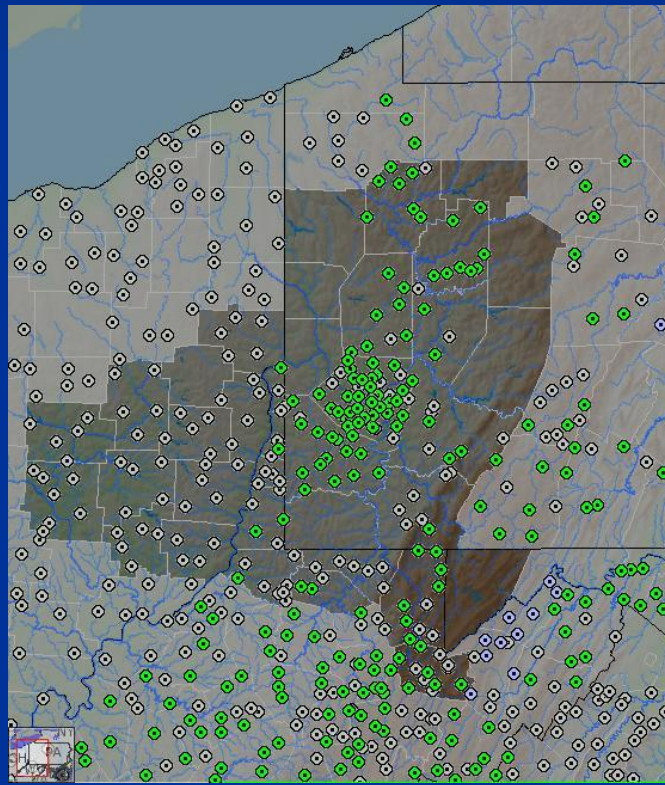
# Automated Flood Warning System

- 12 States in an IFLOWS network
- Part of AFWS



# afws.net Example

- Pittsburgh Area - click on a dot to see local data



# How it works -

- ~ 100 Timewave DSP-D300E decoders listen to 1000+ gauges in 12 states in the Eastern U.S.A.
- DSP-D300E decodes the telemetry data from each gauge and sends it via internet to the local authorities and the NWS computers in Maryland
- AFWS computers process the data and display it on the internet at [afws.net](http://afws.net)

# Stand-alone operation

- No on-site computer necessary
- No hard drives, fans or other mechanical parts to wear out
- 2 watts (typical laptop uses 60 – 90 watts)

# Internet Enabled

- Lower cost than satellite or microwave
- Remote data retrieval & control
- Remote Firmware update
- Secure – SSH meets Federal guidelines



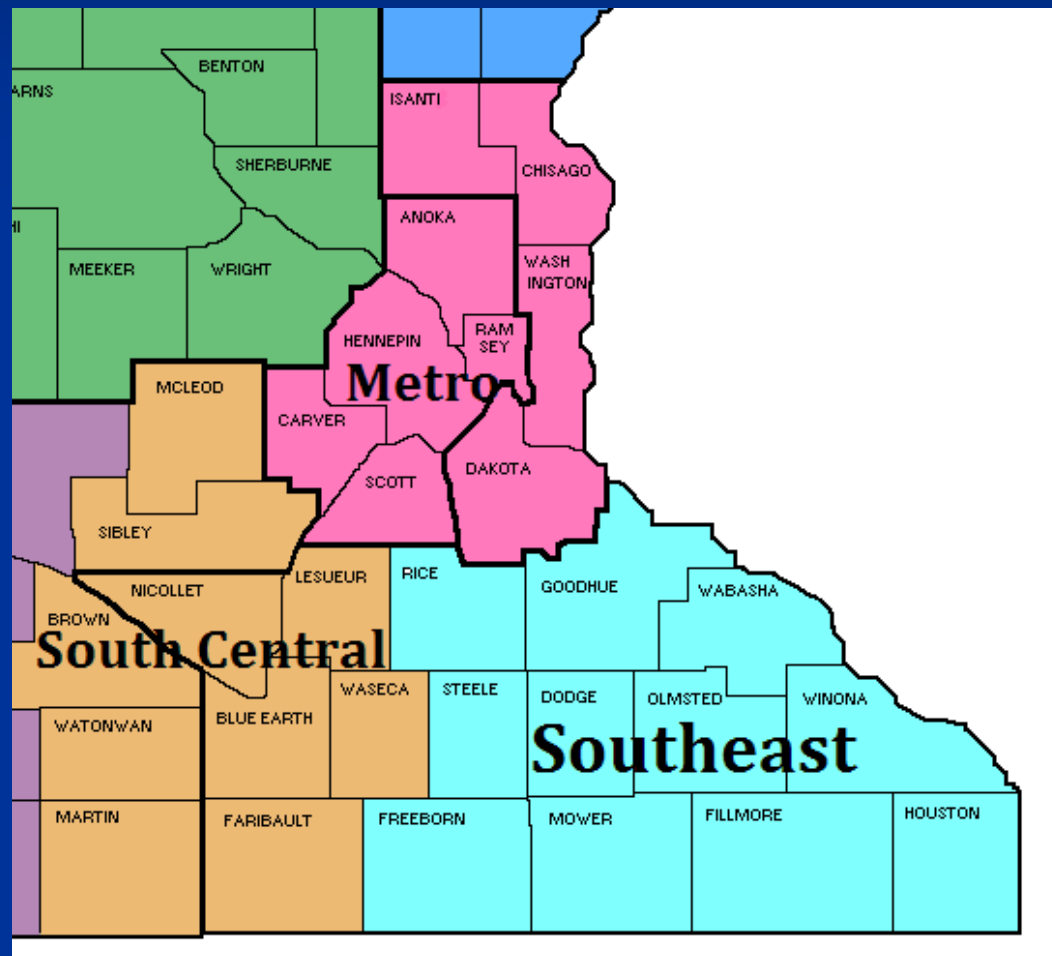
# Digital Signal Processing

- Optimized Decoding of Noisy Radio Signals
- Encodes & Decodes ALERT/IFLOWS data
- Upgradeable to new ALERT protocol

# Radio Tower Resources

- Use Public Safety Services Radio Towers
- Minnesota has extensive network
- MN will have 300+ towers by 2013
- Other states tower resources vary widely
- Check with your City/County/State EmComm
- MN contact info at Timewave Display

# Minnesota Radio Districts



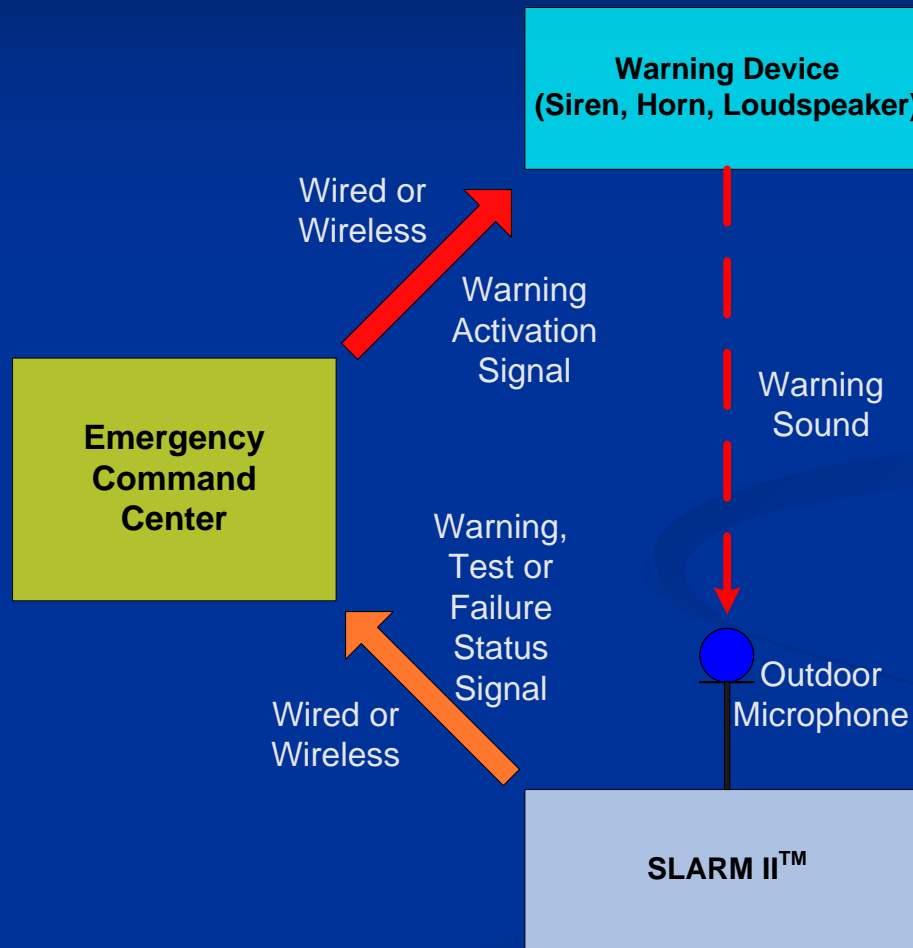


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# **SLARM II**

**Acoustical Monitor & Failure Detector**  
**for**  
**Community Warning Systems**

# Monitored Warning System



# Community Warning Devices

- Fixed location
- Mobile
- All can be dangerously loud!!

# **Community Warning Devices**

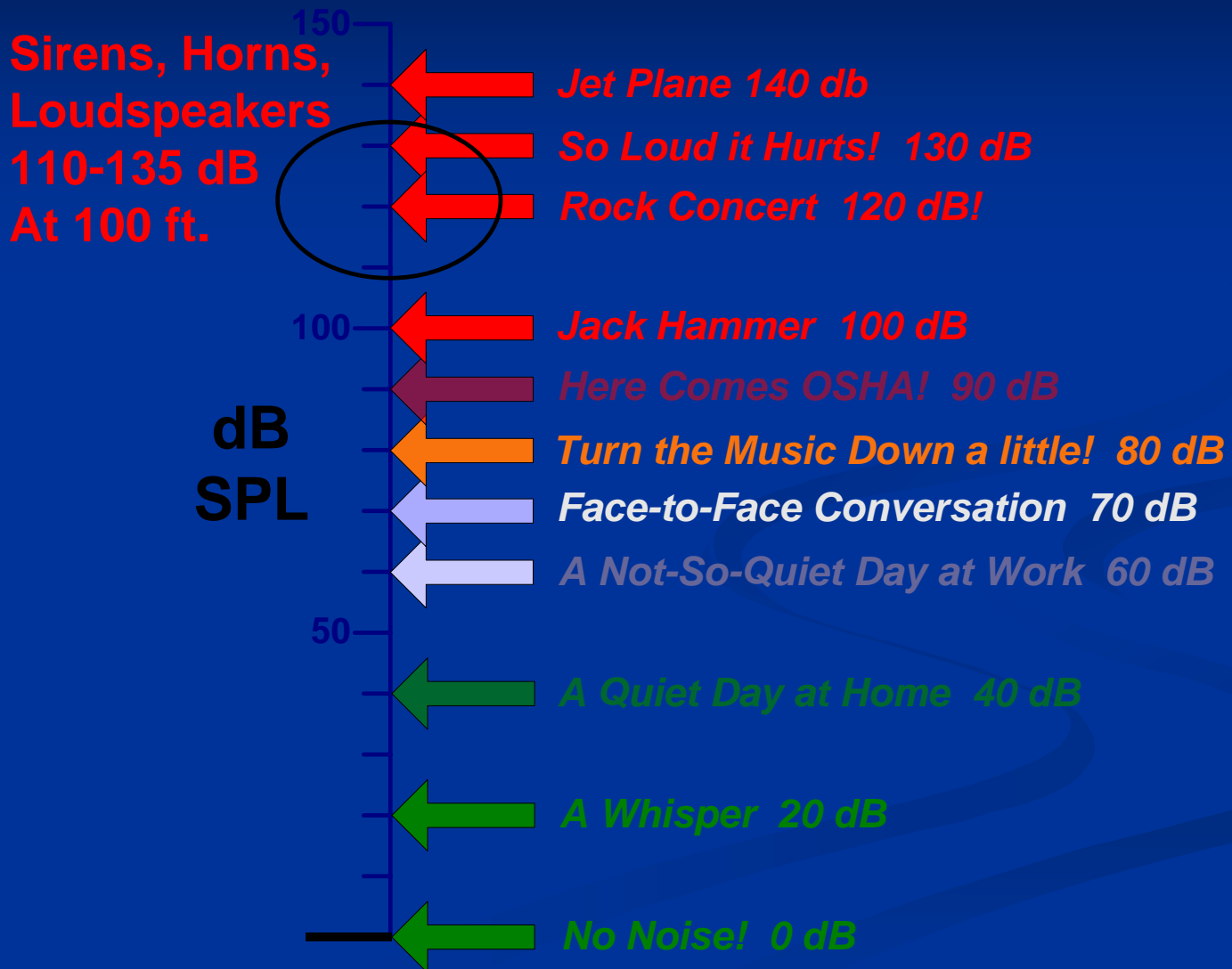
- **Fixed location**
- **Motor Driven**
  - Tones 110 – 135 dB**
- **Loudspeakers**
- **Warning signal**
- **Voice announcement**

# Community Warning Devices

- **Mobile**
  - **Sirens & Loudspeakers**
  - **Police Cars**
  - **Ambulance**
  - **Fire trucks**



# Community Warning Devices



# Speech Intelligibility

- Never 100%
- Reduced by Noise
- Hearing loss

# **Environmental Effects**

- **Noise masking**
  - **Wind**
  - **Music**
  - **Motor vehicle traffic**
  - **Aircraft**
  - **Public event noise**
  - **Numerous other noise sources**

# Enclosures

- Enclosures ~ 30-50 dB attenuation!
- Public building
- Home
- Vehicle
- Headphones

# Effective Use of Sirens & Loudspeakers

- Don't expect total coverage !
  - Primary outdoor warning device
  - Limited indoor warning device
- **Test and monitor their operation!**